



Conservation Practice Overview

Access Control (Code 472)

Access control includes temporary or permanent exclusion of animals, people, vehicles, and equipment from an area.

Practice Information

Controlling access is often used to protect, maintain, or improve the quantity and quality of natural resources in an area. The purpose also includes aesthetic resources as well as human health and safety.



Access control can play a role in establishing, protecting, and maintaining vegetation, and is often essential to conserving the other natural resources.

The barriers constructed for access control must be adequate to prevent intrusion of the target animals, vehicles, or people. Barriers are usually fences, but may also be natural and artificial structures such as logs, boulders, earth fill, gates, signs, or similar structures.

Common Associated Practices

Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) Access Control (Code 472) is commonly applied with CPSs such as Prescribed Grazing (Code 528), Tree/Shrub Establishment (Code 612), Vegetative Treatment Area (Code 635), and Wetland Creation (Code 658).

For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.